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ness with him and the present firm of McPherson, Switzer & Co. was formed. They are the St. Louis correspondents of McCormick & Co. of Chicago and New York.

OF A SPECULATIVE TURN.

A warm, personal friend of Mr. McPherson in speaking to-day of the latter's troubles, said: "When Mr. McPherson began business on his own account, he made an arrangement which was very disadvantageous to himself. He undertook to pay too much for the use of the money advanced him by his financial backers. Page always was of a speculative turn, and has for years dabbled in the market. About four years ago he made considerable money in a speculation and this encouraged him to go in deeper. He did so and everything he possessed was swept away. The terms under which he had gone into business were so unfavorable to him that he was unable to make his concern pay his backer what the latter wanted, and pay himself also, so he went to speculating in hopes of making up deficiencies. He dealt principally in wheat. His dealings were never large enough to cut any figure in the market, but he was at it constantly and dribbled his money away. To make good his losses he borrowed from his friends. He kept on borrowing and kept on losing. He would borrow from Peter to pay Paul until he finally owed everybody from whom he could secure anything. His credit exhausted, he was unable to meet the demands made on him, and it was in this manner that he killed himself. The old friends of his father did little for the boy, and nearly all the aid he got he received from his personal friends, among the young men. I believe he owes somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Few people have any idea how much he really owes around town. His firm will not be affected by his dealings, as they were all personal. He had overdrawn his accounts some, and I have been told that he had not notified his Thursday that he must make good the money. Page could not do this, and he had reached the end of his line he disappeared and in my opinion has taken his life."

HIS PARTNER FEELS THE WORST.

Mr. Charles M. Switzer, Mr. McPherson's partner, was called upon at his office, where he was surrounded by a number of the missing man's friends and intimates, who had called to make inquiries concerning him. He sympathetically declared that while Page was undoubtedly heavily involved in debt, he did not know of any of his friends who had made any remarks about him. "There is not the slightest doubt in my mind that he has done away with himself," remarked Mr. Switzer, who said that he had been found within five miles of here, hiding out on the car Thursday evening with Mr. Frank Ross he spoke very despondently and made remarks about life not being worth living and things of that sort. Chief of Police Harrigan takes a different view of the case, however, and is convinced that Page killed himself. As to the amount of money owed by him I can give you no idea. I do know, however, that he is badly embarrassed financially. It is all borrowed money and money due on speculation. They were not doing anything but speculating and do not affect the firm. Every minute some new debt seemed to turn up, and I am sure that where it will stop. I last saw Page when we separated at the office here about 6 o'clock Thursday evening. He was in a very excited state of mind, and was talking about the street cars with Frank Ross and next morning his brother saw him in his room, and was examining a Vanderbilt time-table. He left the house twenty minutes past 8 o'clock and about half-past 8 o'clock I received a letter from him that he would be a little late coming down. His excuse was that he wanted to see some parties before he came down. When he had not returned by 10 o'clock, I began to grow uneasy and next day I sent a note to his home at No. 92 Leeward avenue, and learned that he had not been there since Friday morning. Last night the case was reported to the police by Page's brother, Will McPherson. I am convinced that Page killed himself, because I know that he was very worried by his financial troubles and because two brothers belonging to him are missing and he has evidently taken them with him. One he kept at home in his room and one he kept here in the office vault. Since he disappeared we have not seen him. His friends are also gone. Oh, there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that Page is now dead."

MR. ED STEINHAUS, an old and intimate friend of the missing man, who visited the Four Courts this morning in company with Mr. Switzer to see the police in reference to the case, was at the latter's office this morning when a Post-Dispatch representative called there.

"Page is no doubt heavily involved financially," remarked Mr. Steinhaus, "but I do not believe that he has done anything criminal. He was a very good fellow and a great deal of money and is unable to pay it. His speculations however were not so bad as they are made out to be. He has committed suicide I have not the slightest doubt. Why did he take both of his revolvers with him when he was shot? No man who knows Page as well as I do, can have no doubt as to what has become of him. Chief Harrigan does not believe that Page has committed suicide, but that he forms his opinion of Page only from a very casual acquaintance. If I knew him better, he would think differently, I believe."

HE WAS DOWNCAST.

It appears that Mr. McPherson spent Thursday evening at the University Club, remaining until it was fairly late. Those who saw

him then noticed that he was downcast and did not appear to enter into the spirit of the occasion. He was quiet and almost silent while all around him were enjoying themselves. Mr. McPherson took a little brandy when the crowd broke.

He was not a man who ever drank to excess, or at least rarely did, and Mr. Switzer, who says he never saw him intoxicated. For this reason his friends cannot believe he has gone off on a spree, and this is the reason why they cling so firmly to the suicide theory.

MINING EXCHANGE FUNDS.

There was a great deal of excitement on the Mining Exchange when the news of McPherson's disappearance became generally known. The amount of \$2,500, belonging to the Mining Exchange and had in his possession securities, East St. Louis bonds and the amount of \$2,500, belonging to the Mining Exchange, in reference to these bonds Julius Ables, a member of the Board of Directors, said: "We do not know where they are, and have no reason to suppose that everything is not all right as far as McPherson's accounts with us are concerned. We cannot say where they are, but we never knew where they were kept. I hope that they will be found to be intact. Even if they are not the Mining Exchange can lose little, for the treasurer is under a \$1,000 bond, which perfectly good."

There were reports on the street that on Thursday last McPherson rode west on a cable car with P. D. Ross, and that he pressed a general dissatisfaction with life and talked in a very despondent manner. Many theories outside were based upon this rumor, but Mr. Ross states that no such conversation took place.

ON THURSDAY McPherson called at the office of Bauer Bros., and informed A. H. Bauer that he would be going to Chicago on Friday morning. He was not seen on Third street since that date. The general impression is that the firm is not affected by his disappearance, but that the deals are those of McPherson personally. It has been known for some time that he was in trouble on account of his wheat contracts. He was heavily sold, and was constantly called upon for margin. In many cases he was unable to respond, and promised to come to time within a day or two. To meet the demands made upon him, he had borrowed small sums from several persons, the aggregate of which is considerable.

PROBABLY IN CHICAGO.

Wm. M. McPherson, Jr., a nephew of the missing man, was seen at the Boatman's Bank by a Post-Dispatch reporter.

"My father, who does not believe that Page has committed suicide," said the young man, who seemed not at all uneasy over the mysterious disappearance of his father, "I know, to suppose that he has done anything else than go off on a business trip. He left home, however, on Thursday last Friday, stating that he was going to Chicago, and I do not think anything has been heard from him since. I am sure that what he may have said to my father, who is not down to business to-day, but I have never seen him since. He was a very good man, and I am sure that he is somewhere, and this may be the case this week. I really do not know any of the parties who were connected with his disappearance, but I am alarmed by his absence."

POLICE AT WORK ON THE CASE.

Thus far the police have little information of a tangible nature upon which to work. One theory is that of suicide, but his most intimate friends still cling to the hope that he has gone off on a visit to friends or relatives. Acting upon this latter idea Chief of Detectives Allen and Smith to work the various out-bound trains. The officers will see the conductors as fast as they come by of their runs and interrogate them closely with regard to passengers in any way connected with the case. It is possible, however, that he has gone to San Francisco and the through trains to the coast, as well as the various ticket brokers and the main ticket-window at the Union Depot will be worked in the hope that he will be found.

A description of McPherson has also been sent to the main and substations of the various police districts, to be read out at 10 o'clock day and night call. Police Photographer Harry Seibold was given a description of the missing man's likeness. From this he will at once make 50 small bust pictures, which will be placed on printed circulars, giving an accurate and minute description of McPherson and the details of the case, as well as the circumstances of his disappearance. A copy of the circular will be mailed to-night to the surrounding cities of the large cities of the country. As soon as any further information can be obtained, additional circulars will be sent to the Chief of Detectives. The friends and relatives have given orders to the department to spare no effort to find him. In event that the wide-spread publicity given the disappearance of the missing man's description, the department no tidings of the missing man's whereabouts, a systematic search of the city will be made.

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FIVE MEN PERISH.

Italian Laborers Burned to Death in a Railway Wreck.

PAST FREIGHT AND GRAVEL TRAINS COLLIDE ON THE HUDSON ROAD.

The Names of the Victims Unknown—Cattle Burned at the East Liberty Stock Yards—Hot Water Tank Collapsed—Killed in a Collision—The Daily Record of Casualties.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 14.—A fatal wreck occurred on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad between Worcester and Cobleskill last night. A fast freight, running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, collided with a gravel train, wrecking the engine of the freight and several box cars. Attached to the gravel train was a car containing five Italian laborers. When the collision occurred the car was thrown forward into the center of the wreck and the men outright and three were injured. As the flames approached the car the cries and groans of the imprisoned workmen were heard. Owing to the position of the car and the intense heat the rescuers were unable to reach them and were obliged to wait until the car was cut open by the fire. The names of the Italians are unknown but it is understood they were all men of families.

CATTLE BURNED.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN HEAD PERISH—CARNALITIES.

PITTSBURGH, April 14.—One hundred and thirty-seven head of cattle and three acres of sheds at East Liberty Stock Yards were destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will not exceed \$2,000 of which \$15,000 is insured. The fire broke out in a building in which the Atlantic and Col. Sellers mines were stored. The fire spread rapidly and the cattle stampeded and rushed into the flames.

NEW YORK, April 14.—At Athens this morning fire destroyed the new depot of the East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad. The Athens woolen and cotton mills had a large shipment in the building. The loss will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Cause unknown.

BRITISH BARK STRANDED.

BALTIMORE, April 14.—The British bark Strathmore, Capt. Urquhart, from Lobos de Afuera to Hampton Roads for orders, stranded on the shore of Cape Henry. The crew was rescued by the life saving crew.

HOT WATER TANK COLLAPSED.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A hot water tank in the Empire City Hotel on New York street, exploded last evening and severely injured Frank Barry and Frank Bowen, who were at the time in the hotel. The tank was badly scalded before they were rescued. They were taken to St. Charles Hospital, where it was feared that they would not survive. The tank was a large one and was used for heating the hotel.

ASHVILLE, N. C., April 14.—A freight train collided with a work train yesterday afternoon on the Western North Carolina Railroad. Two train hands were killed and several others hurt.

STRANDED TO DEATH.

GETTYSBURG, Conn., April 14.—Miss Emma Leach, a young woman, was found dead yesterday afternoon by a vicious horse. She was holding the horse by the bridle, when he reared and fell over her, crushing her. She was brought both feet down with her head on her body and repeatedly trampled on her. Her back was broken in two places, and she was injured internally.

CRUSHED IN A TUNNEL.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The body of a man, crushed and mangled, was found lying on the tracks of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, in the tunnel between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets, this morning. He had been run over by a train. His clothing indicated poverty. It is supposed that the man was homeless and went into the tunnel to sleep. There were no papers or other clues which would tell of his name or his person. The body was removed to the morgue.

PONDERED HIS HAIR OUT.

FOR BASE BURNERS USE PITTSBURGH CRACK COKE. Devoy & Feuserborn, sole agents, 708 Pine street.

Sisters Make Application for a Warrant Against Their Brother.

This afternoon Miss Sabini and Mary Brady appeared in Justice Carroll's court and swore to a warrant charging their brother, Lawrence Brady, with assault and battery. The Brady residence at Clifton Heights, the assault occurred last Saturday afternoon. It was that the girl told is true, it is a most sorrowful case. They say that their brother Lawrence is continually trying to a passion and treating them severely without their having done anything to warrant his anger. In proof of the last assault Miss Sabini produced a large welt on her face, which she said had been torn from her head. She also showed the wound made by putting the hair out.

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MRS. PERSIS SMITH'S WILL.

New Executor Appointed—Required to Give a Bond for \$400,000.

Judge Woerner of the Probate Court this morning appointed Mr. A. C. Stewart, administrator of the estate of Peter J. Taffe, was filed to-day by different parties for amounts ranging from \$70 to \$1,000 and aggregating \$2,661. The plaintiffs are Lake McLaughlin, John Eisenberg, James Knave, St. Louis Manufacturing Co., and the Pickel Marcell & Granite Co. The buildings against which the liens are made are on Channing avenue and Chestnut street.

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City Hall Iron Work.

To-day at noon the Board of Public Improvements received and opened the bids for the iron work on the new City Hall. Architects of the building are the following: The bids were made in lump sums, that is the entire work was included in a single bid. The bidders and the amounts they bid were as follows:

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A MINER PAID ALEPPO ON A RAILROAD TRACK AND IS KILLED—NOTES.

Coroner Woods of East St. Louis was called to Marissa, in the southern part of the county, this morning to hold an inquest. He was informed that a resident of White Oak, a coal mining station near Marissa, had been killed by a Cairo Short Line train, but no details were given. The inquest, however, developed the fact that the unfortunate man was James Green, a native of Ireland and unmarried.

He was employed in a coal mine at White Oak. He had been on this line for some time, and was on his way to work last night. He was under the influence of liquor and went to sleep on the railroad track. The Cairo Short Line passenger train that leaves St. Louis at 8:35 p. m. ran over him and mangled his body in a frightful manner. His head was cut off and his arms and legs severed. He had no relatives at White Oak, but leaves a mother, Mrs. McLaughlin, who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was a Scotchman, born at Stone Church, three miles from Glasgow. The verdict of the Coroner's jury was death by accident.

Last night a case of wife was stolen from H. C. Jackiesch's saloon on Missouri avenue. Shortly after the theft was committed Officer Jann captured a young man on the street who was carrying a number of bottles of beer. He

